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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

1. (Currently Amended) A method for distributing content, comprising:

transmitting content in a streaming content format;
receiving a request to store a particular piece of the content; and
delivering said particular piece of the content in an archival format to a storage media of a user when said request to store said particular piece of the content is received;

wherein said streaming content format prevents storage of the content being transmitted in the streaming content format;

wherein said archival format allows storage of the content delivered in the archival format; and

~~wherein reception of said request and delivering of the particular piece of the content in said archival format to store the particular piece of the content occurs during the time of transmission of the content in said streaming content format, and delivering of the particular piece of the content in said archival format occurs in real time of the transmitting of the content in the first streaming content format.~~

2. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said streaming content format is copy protected.

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3. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said archival format is copy protected.

4. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising authorizing a payment for said request to store said particular piece of the content.

5. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein authorizing said payment for said request includes debiting a charge against a prepayment for the content.

6. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the content transmitted in said streaming content format is in conformity with a list of preferences of said user.

7. through 18. (Cancelled)

19. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising retrieving a list of preferences of a particular user; and wherein said transmitting of content is performed in conformity with said list of preferences in a streaming content format to said particular user.

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20. (Currently Amended) A method for distributing content, comprising:

transmitting content in a first streaming content format;
receiving a request to store a particular piece of the transmitted content; and

delivering said particular piece of the content in a second archival format to a storage media of a user when the request to store the particular piece of the content is received;

wherein the second archival format is different from the first streaming content format, the first streaming content format preventing storage of the transmitted content on the storage media of the user and the second archival format allowing storage of the delivered content on the storage media of the user;

wherein the content transmitted in the streaming content format cannot be recorded on the storage media of the user;

wherein the receiving of the request to store the particular piece of the content occurs during the transmitting of the content in the first streaming content format, and the delivering of the particular piece of the content in the second archival format to the storage media of the user occurs concurrently with the transmitting of the content in the first streaming content format.

21. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 20, wherein the delivering of the particular piece of the content in the second archival format to the storage media of the user occurs concurrently with the transmitting of the content in the first streaming content format.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the content transmitted in the streaming content format cannot be recorded on the storage media of the user.

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24. (Currently Amended) A method for distributing content, comprising:
transmitting content in a first streaming content format;
receiving a request to store a particular piece of the transmitted content; and
delivering said particular piece of the content in a second archival format to a storage media of a user when the request to store the particular piece of the content is received;
wherein the second archival format is different from the first streaming content format, the first streaming content format preventing recording of the transmitted content on the storage media of the user and the second archival format allowing storage of the delivered content on the storage media of the user; and
wherein receiving said request to store the particular piece of the content occurs during transmitting the content in the first streaming content format, and delivering of the particular piece of the transmitted content in the second archival format occurs at least partially during the transmitting of the content in the first streaming content format.